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When the Mills bill was under consideration MCKINLEY was a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He was the only man manufacturers could go to for assistance in preparing schedules for the committee. All of the leading manufacturers in New England and elsewhere had men in Washington looking after their interests. Naturally MCKINLEY was overworked, and his eyes gave out at a critical stage. They learned that he was embarrassed financially and they appointed a committee to wait on him and see if they could not help him in some way. They got a most excellent result they could find to call on him, and insisted on paying the bill, but MCKINLEY would not listen to it. Then they begged him to permit them to employ a clerk or secretary for him, but he would not consent to that either. If MCKINLEY had wanted to he could have borrowed \$50,000 or \$100,000 from them without putting up a cent's worth of security, but he refused to accept the loan of a dollar. There would have been nothing improper in Governor MCKINLEY's permitting his friends to help him under the circumstances. At least he could have allowed them to pay for a clerk. But they could not help honoring the man for his independence.

The American Bimetallite League is in session in Washington, with General A. J. Warner of Ohio presiding.

The gun with which Captain J. K. Edwards was hunting near Easton bursted and tore his left hand and wrist into fragments.

EX-CONGRESSMAN THOMAS TURNER of Mt. Sterling has gone to Washington, and it is said, is an applicant for the position of Recorder of the District of Columbia.

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HIS WIFE WAS TOO GOOD.

A London Man Had Planned a Speculation, But His Wife Spoiled It.

"Your world's fair souvenir half dollar reminds me of a singular incident," said Ralph C. Watson, of London, in the hearing of a St. Louis Globe-Democrat reporter. "During the queen's jubilee all England was flooded with jubilee coins. The largest denomination was a five pound sterling gold piece, and from that down to a farthing. After the jubilee all those special coins that found their way back to the Bank of England were taken out of circulation, and before it was generally known that this was being done ninety per cent. of the coins, I fancy, had found their way into the maw of the old lady of Threadneedle street.

"I was among the few who had sense enough to keep a set. I had a five-pound sterling piece, a sovereign, a half-sovereign, a crown, a four-shilling piece, a half-crown, a two-shilling bit, one shilling, sixpence, a fourpence, a threepence, a penny, a half penny and a farthing. They lay idle in a box in my dressing-case for nearly four years. I thought nothing of them until one day last summer, having business in Glasgow, I went there. Here the jubilee coins were a great rarity, and I found that my collection, which amounted to seven pounds, five shillings, six pence, half penny, farthing, would bring something like twelve pounds.

"Now, thinks I, I'll just make that five pounds like a wink, so I telegraphed my wife to forward the box of coins to me by express at once. The next day I got a letter from her inclosing a postal note for seven pounds, six shillings, and a note from the dear woman saying that as long as I was in need of the money she thought the letter-post quicker than the package-post, and had had my coins exchanged for a postal order, and added the change herself to make it even money. Mad? I was. I not only lost my five pound speculation, but I lost my jubilee coins as well; but, I say, it was rather thoughtful of her, you know, and under any other circumstances would have been very gratifying."

"SUMMER IS I-CUMEN IN."

Oldest Song in the English Language

Written in 1226.

The oldest British song, taking the word British in its widest acceptation, and thus making it include Cymric and Gaelic, might, with about equal justice, be the Cymric battle song: "Gododin"—described by Henry Morley as "the most important fragment of what may represent the oldest Cymric literature" or the Gaelic description of the death of Oscar at the battle of Gabhra, which took place in 940 A. D.

Of songs in the English language the oldest is "Beowulf," a legendary heroic song originally brought to this country by the Angles and handed down from generation to generation as the language developed.

The oldest song in the language that has come down to us with its musical setting is a "canon" or "round" called "Summer is I-cumen in," arranged by a considerable skill for six voices. The MS. is in the Harleian library, and the best authorities ascribe it to the authorship of John of Ponteste, a monk of Reading abbey, who is supposed to have written it about the year 1250. Here is the first verse of it:

Summer is I-cumen in,  
Shude sing cunen.  
Growth seth and bloweth mede,  
And springh the eare us.  
Sing cunen, cunen.

A ROYAL INDIAN.

The Prince of Wales Belongs to the Mohawk Tribe.

There is living in Europe a middle-aged gentleman, who, many years ago, was elected a chief of the Mohawk tribe of Indians. This gentleman, says the New York World, not only comes from ancestry both old and noble, but he is also heir apparent to one of the mightiest thrones in the world. He is Albert Edward, more familiarly known as the prince of Wales. When he becomes king of England he will doubtless be called Edward VII. In 1860 he visited the United States and Canada, and during that year occurred his election as an Indian chief. He was probably present at this interesting occasion and perhaps an Indian name was given to him.

The Mohawk Indians, who thus honored the prince of Wales, are one of the famous Iroquois nations, and as a nation their home is now in Canada. Their proper name is Agnewe or Gagnewage. The celebrated Joseph Brant was a Mohawk.

Does it not seem like fiction to read that a tribe of North American Indians can claim among those whom it has elected chief a man who not only comes from distinguished European ancestry, but is himself the heir apparent to a mighty European throne?

See Was Up in Theory.

"One day," writes a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "my brother went to buy a bushel of buckwheat for sowing. He found the man of whom he was going to buy the grain away; but his wife was at home and she undertook to make the sale. She got a peck measure and they went to the granary. There the woman filled the measure twice, poured it into the bag which my brother held open, and then was going to tie the bag and take the pay for a bushel. 'But, Mrs. E.,' said he, 'it takes four pecks to make a bushel.' 'Oh, does it?' said she. 'Well, you see, I never had any experience in measuring grain before I was married; I always taught school.'"

College Professors is Spate.

The new graduates in colleges of Spain are miserably underpaid, often receiving no more than two hundred dollars per year. They endeavor to make a small profit out of their text books, each requiring his own book to be used. These books are frequently in manuscript, or, if printed are sold at unusual prices. The students, who are poor, resort in consequence to second-hand shops and the annual fair, where a specialty is made of college text books.

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